the agreement reached on no development of new posts and defence works along the LoC, and modalities for the conduct of already agreed monthly flag meetings between local commanders at the selected sectors.

They had a detailed exchange of views on Jammu and Kashmir and agreed to continue the sustained dialogue in a purposeful and forward-looking manner to find a peaceful and negotiated final settlement. They also discussed the process of promoting greater interaction between divided families, the commencement of the Poonch—Rawalakot bus service and the truck service on Muzaffarabad-Srinagar route for trade in permitted goods as soon as the infrastructure damaged during the October, 2005 earthquake is restored.

The two Foreign Secretaries discussed consular access and early repatriation of all civilian prisoners and fishermen, reopening of the Consulates General in Mumbai and Karachi and the schedule of meetings under the Composite Dialogue framework. Both sides also agreed to hold early meetings of the technical level working groups of the Joint Commission.

Opening of Missions in Nepal

439. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China and Pakistan propose to open their missions in Nepal in the areas bordering India; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (b) Government of India has seen reports in the media suggesting the possibility of China and Pakistan opening their Consulates in the areas bordering India. However, no concrete information regarding such proposals has come to the notice of the Government. Government remains alert to all developments affecting India's national security interests.